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### Crop Summary

There were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Soil moisture for topsoil was rated 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus. Subsoil was rated 4 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 30 percent surplus. Range and pasture conditions were 3 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. Livestock conditions were rated at 21 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 13 percent excellent. The main farm activity for the week was corn planting.

Crop Progress in Percentages					Crop Conditions in Percentages				
Crop	Event	1995	1994	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	40	38	30		1	20	60	19
	Emerged	13	14	15					
Rice	Planted	9	5	4					
Sorghum	Planted	3	13	6					
Wheat	Jointed	85	79	75		2	39	53	6
	Heading	3	6	10					
Watermelons	Planted	21	21	29			10	90	

### County Agent Comments

"Farmers are busy planting corn. Soil moisture is short in most fields. A good rain will help seeds germinate."

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

"Field conditions are dry and getting dryer. We need a good general rain to settle cotton beds and activate herbicides in corn. Grass has begun to come up in planted corn."

— Steve Richardson, Tate County

"Rain has held off this week. Corn is being planted, and other fields are being tilled. Dryer, warmer conditions have helped clear up some sickness in cattle."

— Gale Chrestman, Pontotoc County

"Unusual dry soil conditions have allowed farmers to get an early start in corn planting and land preparation for cotton and soybeans. Pastures need a shower, but are earlier than normal."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Much of the corn planted here is nearing the stage for side-dress nitrogen. Some rice and early soybeans have been planted. Cotton growers are eager to begin the '95 season. Field conditions at this time are good to excellent."

— John C. Cocco, Sharkey County

"Producers have made excellent progress over the past week in getting spring tillage and corn planting completed. The majority of producers are waiting for soil temperatures to warm before planting."

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

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Weather Summary From 3/27/95 to 4/02/95 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature		
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave
1. Upper Delta												
Tunica	79	31	54	57	-3.7	0.61	M	1	1.22	72	55	63
Clarksdale	76	35	56	58	-2.0	0.08	-1.28	1	4.12	71	55	63
Cleveland	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	79	31	55	57	-2.8	0.35	-1.04	1	2.67	72	55	63
2. North-Central												
Holly Springs	80	28	53	55	-1.8	0.17	-1.26	1	3.21	73	48	60
Oxford	81	28	55	56	-1.1	0.05	-1.35	1	2.87	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	81	28	54	55	-1.5	0.11	-1.31	1	3.04	73	48	60
3. Northeast												
Booneville	82	34	56	57	-0.7	0.12	-1.21	1	3.36	M	M	M
Corinth	82	30	56	58	-2.2	0.35	-1.07	1	3.14	M	M	M
Iuka	81	29	53	M	M	0.33	M	1	5.36	M	M	M
Pontotoc	82	34	57	57	-0.8	0.76	-0.61	1	5.45	73	47	60
Verona	81	34	57	M	M	0.72	M	1	6.06	72	49	60
Extreme/Average	82	29	56	57	-1.6	0.46	-0.91	1	4.67	73	47	60
4. Lower Delta												
Greenville	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Belzoni	85	40	61	59	1.5	0.97	-0.43	1	6.37	81	59	69
Rolling Fork	85	36	59	M	M	0.34	-1.12	1	4.86	82	62	71
Yazoo City	84	37	61	62	-1.1	0.93	-0.39	1	8.27	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	85	36	60	61	-0.4	0.75	-0.64	1	6.50	82	59	70
5. Central												
Winona	80	30	55	56	-1.6	0.98	-0.37	1	5.29	M	M	M
Carthage	81	35	60	59	0.7	0.81	-0.72	2	5.69	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	81	30	57	58	-0.5	0.90	-0.54	2	5.49	M	M	M
6. East-Central												
State University	83	33	58	59	-0.4	0.91	-0.48	1	4.94	73	53	63
Columbus	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Brooksville	82	41	61	M	M	1.39	-0.01	1	4.90	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	83	33	60	59	1.1	1.15	-0.25	1	4.92	73	53	63
7. Southwest												
Oakley	84	37	60	M	M	0.48	-0.96	2	6.60	80	52	64
Crystal Springs	M	M	M	M	M	0.47	M	2	8.10	M	M	M
Natchez	78	43	60	63	-3.2	1.29	-0.73	5	7.51	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	84	37	60	63	-3.2	0.75	-0.98	3	7.40	80	52	64
8. South-Central												
Columbia	83	39	60	63	-2.8	1.68	-0.14	2	7.82	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	83	39	60	63	-2.8	1.68	-0.14	2	7.82	M	M	M
9. Southeast												
Newton	82	36	57	60	-2.2	0.27	-1.74	3	4.79	71	48	60
Laurel	M	M	M	61	M	0.24	-1.89	1	4.96	M	M	M
Hattiesburg	81	45	61	62	-1.3	1.46	-0.30	3	6.72	M	M	M
Beaumont	82	39	59	M	M	2.12	M	3	7.66	78	52	65
Extreme/Average	82	36	59	61	-1.7	1.02	-0.95	3	6.03	78	48	62
10. Coastal												
Poplarville	80	45	61	64	-3.1	2.54	1.04	4	7.67	89	54	66
Bay St. Louis	78	39	61	M	M	6.32	M	2	11.05	M	M	M
Gulfport	78	44	61	64	-3.4	6.11	4.74	4	11.91	M	M	M
Wiggins	85	38	60	M	M	4.14	M	6	10.67	M	M	M
Pascagoula	80	41	62	64	-2.1	3.58	2.49	3	10.52	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	85	38	61	64	-3.1	4.34	3.02	4	10.36	89	54	66

Abbreviations: Max = Maximum; Min = Minimum; Ave = Average; Norm = Normal; DFN = Departure from Normal;  
M = Missing

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